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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a method or system for display of a malfunction state of a printing or copying system, a display field is substantially shown in a first color in an undisturbed first operating state. The display field is substantially shown in a
5 second color in a potentially disturbed second operating state with a potential malfunction of a first group. The display field is substantially shown in a third color given a disturbed third operating state with a malfunction of a second group. Also a method or system is provided for automatic generation of messages in an electrophotographic printer or copier wherein a text message
10 that contains at least an error code is automatically generated with aid of a data processing system after occurrence of a preset error state. The message is sent to a preset recipient.